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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-3104

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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Diaz-Balart:

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At this time, the EPA is actively considering Florida's submission as well as information obtained through consultation and through public comments submitted to the docket or provided orally in public hearings. A decision on the request is anticipated on or before December 17, 2020. At that time we will contact your office with the decision.

Again, thank you for your inquiry and for your interest in improving the health of the Everglades. If we may be of further assistance, please contact me or Brandi Jenkins, Director of the Outreach and External Engagement Office at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

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Mary S. Walker
Regional Administrator



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